



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5508

House of Representatives, March 20, 2008

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. O'CONNOR of the 35th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-206c of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 [Each] Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section
5 10-76d, each local or regional board of education shall require each
6 pupil enrolled in the schools under its jurisdiction to annually [report
7 whether the pupil has health insurance] provide proof of health
8 insurance coverage. The Commissioner of Social Services, or the
9 commissioner's designee, shall provide information, including
10 applications, to each local or regional board of education on state-
11 sponsored health insurance programs for children, including
12 application assistance for such programs. [Each] If a pupil is unable to
13 provide proof of health insurance coverage, each local or regional
14 board of education shall provide such information [the] and an

15 application for enrollment of the pupil in a state-sponsored health
16 insurance program for children to such pupil. The parent or guardian
17 of [each pupil identified as uninsured] such pupil shall complete and
18 submit such application to said commissioner. Such parent or
19 guardian may, in lieu of submitting a completed application to said
20 commissioner, submit such application to the pupil's school and such
21 school shall submit such completed application to said commissioner.
22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a child from
23 attending school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2008	10-206c
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INS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - None	None	None
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
All Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

DSS will incur minor administrative costs to include program applications in the materials supplied to local and regional boards of education. Should such outreach efforts succeed, additional enrollment in the HUSKY programs would result in additional state costs. Each additional HUSKY enrollee cost the state approximately \$2,600 annually.

Local and regional school districts will incur potential minimal costs due to the need to return forms submitted by parents to the Department of Social Services. There is no cost to the state's vocational technical high schools in returning such forms as they could be returned through the state's inter-department mail system.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5508*****AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires local and regional boards of education to require all students enrolled under their jurisdiction to provide proof annually that they have health insurance coverage, instead of reporting annually whether they have health insurance.

By law, the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner must provide the boards with information on state-sponsored health insurance programs for children, including application assistance. The bill requires the commissioner to also provide the boards with program applications.

Under current law, the boards must provide program information to parents and guardians of students identified as uninsured. The bill instead requires the boards to provide program information and an application to each student who does not provide proof of insurance. It requires the parent or guardian of such a student to complete the application and submit it to DSS or to the student's school, who must forward it to DSS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)